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Century Center petitions to join Brookhaven

Atlanta, **June 21**, **2013** – Highwoods Properties filed an application today with the City of Brookhaven for Century Center to annex into the newly created city.

Century Center, a commercial office complex, is about 120 acres and owned by Highwoods and Emily Fisher Crum, a Brookhaven resident and long-time philanthropist.

The property is located in unincorporated DeKalb County and is bound by Clairmont Road, Century Boulevard, Century Parkway and Interstate 85 South The property has five points of ingress and egress along the access road to I-85 South, plus three points of ingress and egress from Clairmont Road. The property also houses a half-mile of Peachtree Creek.

The property owners decided to petition Brookhaven for annexation based on the quality of the services available, said Jim Bacchetta, Highwoods Properties' vice president of Atlanta Division.

The application will be reviewed by Brookhaven and must be approved by the Brookhaven City Council.

The property houses the Atlanta Marriott Century Center and several General Services Administration agencies, including the FBI, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as other commercial tenants.

About Highwoods Properties

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